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## Hurtig calls citizens to save Canada

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News Writer

Author, activist, publisher, businessman, and consummate Canadian patriot Mel Hurtig spoke at the U of A last Friday to discuss his new book, *The Vanishing Country: Is it too late to save Canada?*

In a talk that covered everything from NAFTA and child poverty in America to the demise of the CBC and David Suzuki's fading hope for the survival of Canada, Hurtig remained passionate and for the most part, optimistic.

"I say we're bloody lucky to live in this country," Hurtig proclaimed, as he outlined threats to Canadian sovereignty and identity.

"If you care about your country, get involved in the political system. And I don't mean NGOs, I mean the political system, directly."

Hurtig blasted Canadian figures like Conrad Black and Liberal leadership candidate Paul Martin, saying, "We have to call them anti-Canadian; we have to call them the extreme right wing."

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REV IT UP As the Rev wound down, the Buicks (and others) entertained a sold-out crowd last Thursday. Page 10, rocker.

## Students occupy Rod Fraser's office

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News Writers

More than 20 protestors crowded into University President Rod Fraser's office in a peaceful occupation last Friday to protest proposed fee hikes and differential fees, and to demand a meeting with Fraser to discuss tuition issues.

The group, an unaffiliated coalition made up of students from the U of A, Grant MacEwan, and other concerned parties, occupied the office at 4pm. The demonstrators met no opposition as they walked directly into Fraser's office, and remained in dialogue with representatives of Fraser for the duration of their stay.

Fraser's representatives were presented with a list of six demands, which included "that the Board of Governors delay the tuition decision until more study has been conducted into the impacts of differential tuition, and that President Rod Fraser attend the upcoming Students' Union tuition forum."

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## Economic nature of things not the whole picture, says Suzuki

LEAH COLLINS  
Associate News Editor

David Suzuki is challenging Canadians to save the planet from the ruin of over-consumption.

Delighted to be back at the University of Alberta, the place where he got his "first grown-up job" as a genetics professor, Suzuki spoke to a packed crowd at the Horowitz Theatre Thursday evening.

The award-winning Canadian scientist, broadcaster, and environmental activist returned to the University to be the seventh lecturer in the Students' Union's Revolutionary Speaker Series. Suzuki last visited the U of A in October.

Central to Suzuki's lecture was his observation that the expectation of never-ending economic growth has led to environmental crisis.

"We see the economy as the source of all that is important in our lives," said Suzuki. "This is a suicidal belief."

"We are being told that economic growth forever is not only possible, which it is not, but also that it is absolutely necessary. In our society, if you're not growing, you are considered to be dying. And we all know that steady growth forever is the creed of the cancer cell."

The rush of invention and consumption in the last century has created an environmental crisis where the perpetuation of consumption and disposal takes precedence over most things, including the preservation of nature.

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DAVID SUZUKI

"We need to sacrifice for the economy, we need to give up our social services for the economy—this is nonsense! The reality is, everything in this room has come from the earth. It is the biosphere that allows us to make a living, and makes the economy possible."

"We are literally born out of this environment; there is no separation. What we do to the earth we directly do to ourselves."

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## From studio to Security Council

A profile of U of A political science professor W Andy Knight

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News Writer

U of A political science professor, W Andy Knight speaks with ease and eagerness about his life, his focus in United Nations reform and the build up of his career. He has had a very successful career in the world of politics, his interest largely stemming from his upbringing in the Caribbean.

"I grew up in a small island above Barbados," said Knight. "Half my family members were involved in politics and the other half in religion. I grew up in a household where the major political issues of the day were discussed on a regular basis, and because of our insularity, there was a tendency to find out what was going on in the rest of the world, so things like the BBC were a staple in the home."

Knight started his post-secondary education not in politics, but in fine arts. He progressed extremely well at McMaster University in his fine arts degree but took enough political science courses to finish with a double major. He was drawn to politics by a few key professors, and in his final year he was the president of the Students' Union at McMaster University.

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Andy Knight, professor of political science

SHAWN BENBOW



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Thursday Sunny, play with crystal balls; High -6, Low -16  
Friday Mix of sun and cloud, chase pre-teens Escher-style; High -5, Low -15  
Source: Environment Canada



### From the archives

Morton Newman, a Political Science graduate of the U of A and former campus radical, was arrested in California along with six others on the charges of harbouring Ronald Beatty, an escapee from Chino State Prison. All those arrested were members of a Marxist revolutionary group called The Venceremos. Beatty escaped on 7 October in a bloody struggle that left several guards injured and one dead. The escape was immediately taken into hiding by Newman and another man named Sealock, who were serving as lookouts.

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13 The grapplers hit the mats at the Butterdome this weekend. Our own Mr Zeblin was there, armed to the teeth. His story is on thumbs, but not all thumbs.

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## U of A Model Parliament shapes future MPs

JARED FATH  
News Writer

The floor of the Legislature erupted with jeers, cheers and late thumping Saturday, as various participants of the University of Alberta model parliament took turns posing questions to each other and debating proposed legislation.

Run by the Model Parliament committee of the U of A Political Science Undergraduate Association, the parliament featured members of the youth wings of the Progressive Conservatives, Canadian Alliance, Liberals, and New Democrat Party (NDP) took part in the debate, and several girls from a local Pathfinder (Girl Guides) branch performed page duties.

The event, attended by the Right Honourable Don Mazankowski acting as Governor General and Edmonton lawyer Stella Varvis acting as House

Speaker, was a forum for students to debate issues affecting all Canadians.

The event was open to all, and was attended this year by students from the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and some local high schools.

A model parliament is an imitation of House of Commons procedure, but with a less serious bent.

Debates are moderated in a traditional parliamentary fashion with the House Speaker taking on the sometimes trying job of ensuring that debate does not get out of hand.

The model parliament allows citizens to get a rare glimpse of the legislative process in action.

The main debate this year was the cost of university education.

Anand Sharma, Vice-President (External) of the U of A Students' Union, and also a member of the NDP caucus, brought tuition concerns to the floor in a high-spirited debate which

dominated a large chunk of the program.

The introduction of a bill concerning funding for undergraduate research was quickly complicated by a long debate on the actual costs of university education in Canada.

But model parliament isn't all about serious bills: spoof bills often work their way into the arena.

Sometimes, however, they still deal with serious issues: Lisa Pfau, the Chair of the organization committee noted that an Anti-Glown bill presented at last year's Model Parliament "was an important bill because it was an inversion of the actual [anti-terrorist] bill."

"The number of the Model Parliament bill was an inversion of the number on the anti-terrorist bill in order to indicate the parallel between anti-clownist and anti-terrorist sentiments."

She later said that the definition of a

terrorist on the actual bill "is so vague, it could very well be a clown."

The model parliament has been staged for at least 50 years. Joe Clark, Preston Manning and Rahim Jaffer are all former participants in the U of A model parliament.

Ten years ago the model parliament was granted permission to use the Legislature, and is one of few University Model Parliaments allowed to do so in Canada.

Pfau and Howard Yeung, a member of the organizing committee, both agreed that model parliament was a useful learning experience.

Yeung, House Leader of the Liberals said, "Today's young people have a very cynical view of parliament and politicians."

"We have to take a second look at the parliamentary system, and this is a good way of bringing it closer to the people."

## Protestors 'decamp' after Fraser agreed to attend SU forum



Local media quizzed protestor Marka Schwandt over the office occupation.

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But after only two hours, the demonstrators agreed that Decamp once a representative agreed that Fraser would attend the Monday SU tuition forum at 5pm, and when Campus Security informed them that they could be arrested for occupying the office.

Fraser kept his promise, spending

over an hour talking at the forum with students about the administration's stance on issues such as travel expenditures, differential tuition, class sizes, and government funding of post-secondary education.

The demonstrators had anticipated a prolonged standoff, bringing large supplies of food and water, and sleep-

ing bags and bedrolls.

The demands arose out of a belief that the proposed tuition hikes would create a crisis in accessibility preventing students from middle- and low-income families from attending post-secondary education.

"The list of demands was compiled by bringing attention to the fact that tuition is rising exponentially, while the University administration continues to spend money recklessly on salaries, travel, and furniture. And I think we've accomplished that," says Kirsten McCre, spokesperson for the group.

"We never went in there thinking all our demands would be met, and the fact that they're agreeing to this meeting between student representatives and Dr Fraser is a huge concession. But let me add, it's only a start."

But Fran Trahearn, senior advisor to the President, said the protest was surprising considering Fraser had been arranging appointments to speak with students on tuition since two weeks ago.

When the SU began running a campaign at that time calling on Fraser to discuss tuition, Trahearn said Fraser had instructed his administrative staff to make the time for students. Six students have taken him up on the offer so far, though about 15 have visited Fraser in the office.

"Just to be fair to the students,

up until about two weeks before last Friday, as a matter of normal course, the President wasn't available on the issue of tuition, because it's [University Vice-President, Academic] Doug Owrman's concern," he said.

He suggested since the tuition decision is ultimately that of the Board of Governors, a body that is largely independent from the administration, the students might have more success lobbying the members of that body.

Although Fraser is an integral part of the process that develops the tuition procedures, Trahearn said "it would be a misunderstanding to think the president would take a remarkably different view than one of the vice-presidents. It would never be too safe to be carrying forward a view that your boss doesn't agree with."

## TUITION UPDATE

While the protestors sat in the office, the Board of Governors Property and Finance Committee took the penultimate step in approving the tuition increases, voting yes to both the fee differential and tuition increase.

The final decision on the hikes will take place at the Board of Governors meeting on 17 January at 7:30am in University Hall.

## Knight's political quest began with a UN internship

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"I am still working with painting, sculpture and lithography, but I don't find very much time to do it because I have a small family, a young family, and I spend more time these days getting my son to soccer games," said Knight.

"Music is a big deal in our family so I play the guitar and the piano. I think being involved in these sort of extracurricular activities keeps you sane."

His interest in international politics stemmed from an experience with the UN early in his academic career. While completing his graduate studies and looking for internships in 1989, Knight stumbled upon the United Nations Department of Public Information ad hoc internship program in New York. He was one of 95 students accepted out of 500 who applied, and claims the internship cemented his decision to focus on international politics.

"It gave me an insider view of the happenings at the UN, the backroom diplomacy that you hardly ever see in public but that goes on behind the scenes between the delegations from the various countries. That really got me going, in terms of trying to focus my research. So from that moment on, my research just became United Nations and multilateral institutions, the UN being my focus," stated Knight.

Knight's expertise on the UN has won him numerous awards and made him an internationally renowned academic on the organization—he has even provided speech advice for the Secretary-General, the head of the United Nations.

He had the opportunity, through the UN, to move into applied politics and become a politician but chose to remain on the academic, critiquing side because he believed he would have more influence.

"I think there is an ethical and moral responsibility to not just deliver information but to try to see that young people become better citizens in the world."

PROFESSOR W ANDY KNIGHT

"Generally speaking, if I could have an impact on the students who tell me I have accomplished something, if it becomes broader to affect the community, that's even better, and if there is the opportunity to affect the government provincially, federally, or even as big as the United Nations, that says something. I think that's a goal—to have an impact or influence

on different levels."

Knight has received teaching awards for his work in the classroom, and believes teachers have an enormous responsibility to students since teachers are instructing and moulding future leaders.

He stresses that his students pick an area of positive influence that can impact and improve conditions of the people of the world. The way to achieve this, said Knight, is to do something practical relating to your academic focus. He commented on the importance of paying attention to one's surroundings locally, nationally and globally, and stressed the importance of using available contacts and resources to help students achieve their goals.

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## Suzuki puts hope in steps for a healthier planet

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For Suzuki, "the big challenge is locked in our minds—what we think, how we see the world." People need to shift the way they look at the environment and consider a bottom line other than a financial one.

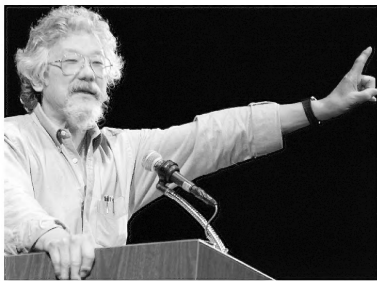
To direct the cultivation of a new bottom line, the David Suzuki Organization has created the Nature Challenge: ten steps for helping the planet that ordinary people can follow "without selling their house and living in a cave."

The Nature Challenge asks that participants agree to three of ten changes in lifestyle.

Available at [www.davidsuzuki.org](http://www.davidsuzuki.org), the "deceptively simple" steps include such challenges as reducing home heating and electricity use by ten per cent and eating meat-free meals once a week (the production of grains requires far less water and land than meat).

With impact felt by numbers, Suzuki hopes to have one million participants taking part in his organization's Nature Challenge.

"If we can do that, it will be irre-



**CHALLENGE TO CHANGE** David Suzuki has hope we can save the planet.

sistible: every politician in the country will have to sign on. We could have a huge electoral or political impact as well, and that is the challenge that now faces us."

"There's nowhere you can go on the planet without seeing the impact of science and technology. All you can do

is slow it down."

"You have to have hope. It's easy to tell people all hell will break loose. It's easy to sustain fear, but it's necessary to sustain hope. We have to operate on the hope that if there are thousands doing tiny things, it will have a great force."

## Foreign ownership a threat to Canada, says Hurtig

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Hurtig met Paul Martin at one of the first meetings in 1985 of the Council of Canadians, a left-wing nationalist group, and said that after spending an hour talking one-on-one with him, he told Martin he was in the wrong place.

Now, as Martin seems poised to become Canada's next prime minister, Hurtig is not hopeful.

"[After] 18 years of unprecedented selling out the country under Paul Mulroney and Jean Chrétien, it's only going to get worse under Paul Martin."

Foreign ownership of Canadian resources is one of Hurtig's greatest concerns, a goal of the small, powerful, wealthy plutocracy that runs Canada's economy, he said.

The agenda of this plutocracy, said Hurtig, is to destroy Canada, by abandoning the Canadian dollar, getting rid of the Canadian-American border, "welcoming thousands of guns, snipers and Timothy McVeighs," embracing a common market and customs union, ending all foreign ownership restrictions, and integrating militaries.

Fighting for Canada is old hat for Hurtig, an outspoken Edmontonian author and staunch Canadian nationalist who founded the Committee for

an Independent Canada in 1970. The Committee was disbanded in 1981, as foreign ownership of Canadian resources was declining.

In 1985, the group reconvened as the Council of Canadians, because Mulroney's sell-out of Canada was looking "like a ten-tonne truck on the top of a mountain without any brakes," he said.

**"We've developed one of the best countries in the world ... [but] we will lose our country in the near future if we don't make some dramatic changes soon."**

MEL HURTIG

Currently, 33 per cent of Canadian businesses and resources—including Beaver Lumber, Tim Hortons, Highway 407 in Ontario, and the Montréal Canadiens—are foreign owned.

Foreign ownership causes two major problems for Canadians, said Hurtig. First, corporate Canada is being hollowed out, continually transferring jobs out of the country. Second is

the issue of transfer pricing, which means multinational companies with branches in Canada can shift their taxes to other countries, leaving Canada with none of the profits.

Hurtig also questioned why Canada should not define itself on the basis of difference from the US. He outlined numerous ways in which Canada is the better country, including a child poverty rate of at least 33 per cent in the US and the "horrendous" American health care system.

Furthermore, Canada has signed the Kyoto Accord, the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, the International Criminal Court, and the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The Americans have signed none. This, to Hurtig, signifies a clear division in values between Canadians and Americans.

At last count, said Hurtig, 36 per cent of Canadians feel a union with the US is inevitable, but he asks, do Canadians want their children to grow up as Americans or citizens of an American colony?

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*The Vanishing Country: Is it too late to save Canada?* is available from booksellers across the city.

## STREETERS

David Suzuki recently gave a talk at the U of A on over-consumption and its impacts on the environment

What is one thing that people can do to reduce over-consumption or reduce waste?



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Definitely people have to learn how to recycle more. Carpooling, taking public transport, busing, putting on an extra sweater once in awhile, turning down the heat. Another good thing is to cut down on pre-packaged foods or ones that are wrapped in plastic. And to buy organically grown local produce.

Bringing your own coffee cup ... and also using not too many paper products and bringing your own lunch, so you're not wasting so much packaging.

Don't throw away food. You can keep food and if it's not good, then fine, you can throw it away, but don't let it sit in your fridge. If you buy food, then plan on eating it. Recycling is a good thing; it's not very common here, though. I went to Norway and everyone recycles there: it's just like taking out the trash. I think it could be incorporated a lot more into daily life.

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## Dalhousie committee proposes 47 per cent tuition hike

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HALIFAX (CUP) — Mandy Irwin knows a good joke when she hears one. The second-year nursing student let out a thunderous laugh when she heard that Dalhousie's budget advisory committee has released a report suggesting a 47 per cent tuition increase might be a reality for next year.

"If tuition went up by 47 per cent, I would have to leave," she said when her laughing spell ended. "I have really good marks so I would just go to another university. I don't need to come to Dal."

The University does not see the same comic absurdity in the situation as Irwin. The committee's report outlines a total expenditure shortfall of \$23.5 million. That figure is based on what the university will need to spend to keep itself "sustainable." That includes spending in areas such as faculty wage increases, general administration, student services, and deferred maintenance.

But the 47 per cent knee slapper isn't the only possible solution for next year. The university is also eyeing new revenue increases in 2003-04 by admitting 5200 more students and leaving facilities to cushion the blow on their own. This would mean no new hiring of faculty to accommodate the influx into Dalhousie's already congested first-year classes. This too, is not a joke according to the University.

"The budget advisory committee report is always taken seriously," said University spokesperson, Stacey Pineau. "It's an integral part of the budgeting process at Dalhousie."

Although it is an integral part of the budgeting process, none of its possible suggestions have been accepted at this point. The report is widely seen as a "discussion paper" meant to stimulate debate on campus.

Johanne Galarneau, president of the Dalhousie student union, thinks the report's ambiguity represents the real problem at the school.

"The University needs to have vision and there's a lot of roads to go down," she said. "They need to choose one. They don't know what they're doing. They don't know what road they're going to go down, which is something they're going to have to decide very soon."

Another solemn solution outlined in the budget advisory committee's report is a combination of the first two. This would mean 2600 more students and a tuition increase of 24 per cent.

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JOHANNE GALARNEAU, PRESIDENT,  
DALHOUSIE STUDENT UNION

Mandy Irwin still finds this laughable. "I still wouldn't [come back], just on principle," she said. "There's no way, the tuition here is already too high. I won't come back."

Pineau said the University will wait until the spring before making any final decisions, after they find out how much government funding they will receive.

"We have to wait and see what kinds of financial challenges we're facing, when it comes time to make the final decision as to what tuition will be next year," she said.

Galarneau, however, would like to see more. "Who's to say we won't get a 25 per cent increase next year?" she asked. "I think there's a lot of questions at this university, but there are no answers."

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by Kristine Owram

### DIVERSITY COMMENTS BEDEVIL U OF T'S BIRGENEAU

TORONTO (CUP) — As President Robert BirgenEAU tried to outline a framework for equity, diversity and inclusion at the University of Toronto's most recent Governing Council meeting, shadows of his comments at the previous meeting continued to haunt him. Student protests were part of a continued reaction to BirgenEAU's speculation that U of T's diversity might be driving white students away from the university. Although BirgenEAU apologized for his comments, some students and community members say BirgenEAU's remarks reflect systemic racism at the U of T.

Li Ben-Ishai, The Varsity

### FEDS' APPEAL KEEPS POT ISSUE SMOLDERING

TORONTO (CUP) — Last Thursday, an Ontario judge ruled in favour of a 16-year-old Windsor resident who argued there is no law in Canada governing the use of marijuana for recreational purposes. Judge Douglas Phillips also ruled that there is no law against carrying 30 grams or less of the drug. The boy was arrested with five grams on his person. "I think it's satisfying to know that this particular law has been declared invalid, particularly given how burdensome it is in terms of criminalizing the behaviour that hundreds of thousands of Canadians engage in," said Brian McAllister, the boy's lawyer. The Federal Justice Department has announced it will appeal the ruling.

Ryan Kennedy, The Varsity

### FOUR-ALARM FIRE DEVASTATES FRAT HOUSE

MONTREAL (CUP) — McGill's Phi Delta Theta fraternity house was completely gutted in a fire on 6 January that is estimated to have caused over \$250,000 in damage.

Four students were slightly injured in the fire. Two residents were treated for smoke inhalation, one for asthma, and another for second-degree burns. Although the exact cause of the fire has not been identified, it is known that the blaze began with a first-floor couch and spread within minutes to all three floors of the house. Twenty-five fire trucks and almost 100 firefighters were required to bring under control.

Denise Brunston, The McGill Daily

### TRANSIT PASS VOTES SPLITS SFU STUDENTS

BURNABY, BC (CUP) — Students at Simon Fraser University could have a universal transit pass by May. Voters approved the U-Pass in a referendum by a narrow margin of 33 votes out of a total 5953. This transit pass, which can be used at any time on any form of public transportation, will be given to all SFU students for a mandatory fee of \$23 per term. In addition, SFU's administration will pay TransLink, Vancouver's transit service, \$2 per student per month. Unfortunately for those students who voted "No" in the referendum, there is no universal opt-out clause.

Stephen Hui, The Peak

### MEMORIAL'S SWEATSHOP CODE PASSES

ST. JOHN'S, NL (CUP) — After several years of negotiations between the University and student groups, Memorial University's Board of Regents has adopted an anti-sweatshop code to regulate campus clothing suppliers. The code of conduct will require suppliers of clothing bearing the University crest to guarantee that products are made under ethical conditions, and establishes a university committee to enforce those standards. Prior to the adoption of the new policy, Memorial's clothing suppliers operated under a voluntary set of standards. Student groups on campus have been lobbying for the mandatory code since December 2000.

"The passage of the code basically means that we now have, in writing, a code that enables us to act in accordance with principles that we have always held... That can be quite helpful," said Axel Meisen, President of the University.

Lindsay Harding, The Muse

## Campbell deserves the boot

THOSE OF US WHO WEREN'T STONE DEAD during the Clinton years learned that presidents are fallible, real people, and they do things that normal people do, like cheat on their wives.

Despite the Lewinsky infamy, it has been widely argued that Clinton would still be in office had he been allowed to run a third time. But his irresponsibility, if not enough to dislodge the popular vote, marred his image enough that the word "Clinton" now inspires "Lewinsky" as much as a pint of Grasshopper inspires lemon.

And speaking of booze, on 10 January, the CBC released news that BC Premier Gordon Campbell was arrested on drunk driving charges while on vacation in Maui. The Premier has admitted as much, and says he has "made a serious mistake."

During a public explanation 12 January, Gordon made some curious comments. First, he swore to never drink again. Why not swear off sex at the same time? Music? Walking? Next, he insisted that "his caucus wants him to carry on as leader."

For more than votes, Gordon's behaviour must be condemned. The old "do as I say," moniker doesn't work when you're the head of state, or province. As most developed nations go, the head of state (or its subordinates) have very little to actually accomplish. It helps if they dress smart and feign an eighth grade's rhetoric, but beyond that, they're puppets who wake very early, don't sleep much, and try to show their faces behind velvet ropes as much as possible. If you want to argue that point much, though, you should've slept that last sentence—that was my point.

My point is that the very basic responsibility of politicians must include maintaining a healthy public image, and in Canada, this includes stopping yourself from taking another glass of ice wine before you drive. So what if everyone but you has the luxury of not having to remain respectable in the public's eye? Tough roll.

Out with him, I say, and the citizens of BC should demand it.

If he would return my call, I would ask him why he deserves to keep his job. If a teacher lets a student engage in intercourse with her, she'll be fired. If a defense lawyer tampers in any way with a crime scene, he could go to jail and even be disbarred. Even professional athletes, who don't contribute nearly the service of a Premier, can be banned for life from their game simply for betting on it.

In August 1999, then BC Premier Glen Clark stepped down from office because of a criminal investigation into the case of his receiving free home and cottage renovations from a neighbor, Dimitrios Pliarinos, who had applied for a casino license. The temporary license was eventually cancelled, and Clark was acquitted of all charges. Nevertheless, the crime that never happened caused the premature end of his political career.

Now we have Mr Campbell, who was swept into office in 2001, having won 77 of 79 seats in the province. Mr Clark's New Democratic Party had troubles besides leadership, but it was widely speculated that the catastrophic fall from power was due, in large part, to the Pliarinos debacle.

I don't know about you, but when I think of licenses and renovations versus drunk driving, I don't have to think much, and it's bad enough that there's one province in our domain where the people allow their leader to drink and then drown him in votes come the election run.

Besides, "Gordon's World" wouldn't have the same ring to it.

BRENDAN PROCTOR  
Sports Editor

## Multiculturalism

THERE IS ONE VERY GOOD REASON why living in an overly multicultural society is a good thing: food.

See, each time you decide to eat out, or try something new in the kitchen, you are faced with an important choice: boasting a myriad of tasty options. Embrace this, and don't take it for granted. It is a bridge between the most disparate of nations and the most insatiable of appetites.

DAVID ZERBIN  
Editor-in-Chief

## LETTERS

### Profit-seeking not the only way to go about post-secondary

Andrew Knack ("The cost of post-secondary is a cost worth bearing," 7 January) manages to get a lot wrong.

Alberta, despite being Canada's wealthiest province, ranks seventh on education spending, and it's very unclear (especially to those of us in the Humanities) that tuition hikes will be spent on our salaries, or even on that favoured category of the Alberta government: "new technology." But my real objection is to his suggestion that the majority of students attend a post-secondary institution to "get a career [they] would enjoy." He asks students who object to tuition increases: "Would you like to have the opportunity to live a comfortable life because of the job you received thanks to your degree?"

If a degree is about salary maximizing, then I guess I made some foolish choices: that BA from Oxford was evidently the first mistake, not to mention the PhD in Philosophy. My friend who is a child protection social worker was apparently even less smart: that hasn't been paying off for her; she makes just \$40,000 a year after six years of full-time practice.

People enter higher education for a variety of reasons, gaining class privilege and being able to snicker at the "old biter" person at McDonald's who makes \$5 an hour" evidently being one of them. But to suggest money-making over career access is everyone's only motivation is patently false: some of the undergraduates I teach are actually interested in learning about ideas and becoming better democratic citizens, for example.

Most importantly, not everyone with a degree can expect to make a salary that will enable them to quit worrying about student loans the minute they graduate. If we structure higher education around that expectation without challenge, then Knack might quickly find himself living in a society without artists, without nurses, without child protection social workers—hell, even without philosophy professors.

That—among other reasons—is why I don't support tuition increases, and I don't think students should either.

DR GRESSIDIO HYES  
Associate Professor  
Department of Philosophy

### Murrie letter hits mark

My delight at Chris Boutet's long overdue return to writing non-sensical opinion pieces was marred by another fucking stupid gun-control letter ("Gun advocates missing the target on Chase opinion piece," 9 January). If I try to put this matter to rest by sticking to objective facts regarding the issue and the published arguments to date.

Jocelyn Chase wrote an opinion article dealing with gun control issues without having any research into gun-control laws—she seems to have confused the differences in shooting a gun and owning a gun. Chase claims to have learned two things from her experience: guns are only meant to kill people, and gun control laws ought to be tight-

ened. Since her first proposition is based on faulty logic and the second, as mentioned above, has no factual backing, her article can be written off as an entirely emotional piece with no argumentative validity.

I have mislabeled Ian Armstrong's letter ("Gun piece defective," 28 November), but I vaguely recall him rightly calling bullshit on Chase and then blowing it by mentioning that guns can be used to protect person and property. Unfortunately, this reasoning often alarms people like Chase and Theodor Voland and can easily be misinterpreted as "gun nut" talk.

Christopher Murrie's letter ("Gateway gun article 'absolute garbage,'" 7 January) is the best and truest piece and Chase's article would have benefited if she had the legal facts regarding gun control before spouting off.

Despite having all the facts, the aforementioned Voland still manages to come across as a complete asshole. He is correct in saying that Chase's piece was about recollections and emotions, but seems to overestimate her thought processes and ignore the complete lack of facts.

Furthermore, Murrie is correct about the proper use of the term assault weapon regarding gun laws. I don't recall anyone mentioning constitutional rights and Voland's final question regarding about "artificial pride" is insulting to gun owners everywhere and is especially offending to Murrie who meticulously summarized Canadian gun laws without resorting to the emotional rhetoric Voland seems to be so fond of.

In conclusion, Christopher Murrie laid out what the gun laws are and any further discussion on gun controls is emotion-based and subjective. It is funny though that Chase's article was printed within a week of the scandal over severe overpricing by the federal government towards the new gun registration program. A billion dollars pays a lot of tuition.

Go Boutet!

JEFF SPADY  
Arts III

### A Christmas concert clarification

Regarding the letter to the editor, "U of A Christmas Concert could have reflected a breadth of religions," (7 January), to shed some light, I offer the following:

1. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas is a Christian tradition.

2. This event is not sponsored by the University of Alberta, but by the Christian members of the interfaith Chaplains' Association at the University of Alberta.

3. Chaplains representing Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths at the University of Alberta sponsor events both from their distinctive faith traditions and collectively.

4. Out of respect for the distinctiveness of each tradition, we do not compel any faith to alter its practices.

As a result, we expect each person to pray and worship without apology according to his or her own tradition.

Sometimes, the interfaith Chaplains will come together to conduct a worship service. When Jewish, Christian and Muslim Chaplains led a memorial in the aftermath of the events of 11 September, 2001, each read from his or her own scriptures and prayed according to the unique

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### The big tax deal

In her opening statement to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on 3 December, Canada's Auditor General, Sheila Fraser, said, in part: "The income tax rules for foreign affiliates are having a significant impact on Canadian taxpayers. Over the last ten years, these rules have resulted in foregone tax revenue totaling hundreds of millions of dollars."

When asked how she felt about the failure of government to act on the Auditor General's recommendations to remedy the situation during an interview a day later, Fraser responded that we should be grateful to be living in a society that has a mechanism to expose these failures.

Well, big deal. The issue of tax avoidance by the wealthy elite was looked at by the Public Accounts Committee in 1993, and in 1997 the Minister of Finance's Technical Committee on Business Taxation also expressed concern over the matter, and yet, little was done.

I'm not surprised. In 1981, when Finance Minister Allan Rock tried to bring in legislation that would have closed many tax loopholes that favoured the super-rich, he was fired from his job.

Ministers of Finance are continually telling us that there is not enough money to properly fund

health care, education, other social programs, infrastructure renewal or to pay off the public debt. While the law comes down hard on ordinary people who fail to comply with income tax regulations, the wealthy continue to live their lavish lifestyles by using foreign tax havens and flouting tax regulations.

### A Haiku

Emotional fools'  
Environmental worship  
Risks fiscal ruin.

Zealots will attempt  
To discredit dissenters.  
Evidence? Lomborg.

Private firearms are  
Symbols of democracy.  
Orwell was correct.

Impetuous youths  
Malign power that shields them.  
Empire? I think not.

NATHAN STELACH  
Civ Engineering V

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## Dating tips from the Miss



CORA CUNNINGHAM

I've recently overcome the sensation to cavate everything that has a penis. That's right: Miss Cunningham is no longer jaded. Now what does this mean? Well a number of things: I no longer consume 4-12 chocolate bars a day or smell like bitterness. But most revealing is that I've been dating. Aht!

Well, dating isn't so bad, other than the fact that I keep finding myself dating losers without a car, job, or sense of humour—beaches who couldn't piss out of a boot if there were instructions on the heel. And as far as finding someone who has enough balls to actually stand up to me? Ha!

Maybe I'm too much woman. Sigh. Regardless, my recent and rather brutal plunge into the dating arena has left me with six significant observations: I'd like to share with you all.

1. When you meet someone new, someone who appears interested, and they say they're going to call, 99 per cent of the time they're lying. So, pretend you never heard it. I'm not a patient person, and personally, I find waiting atrocious. Waiting for "the call" is liver-transplantation excruciating. You find yourself sitting at home agonizing over the situation: "Maybe he's shy, or insecure? He's just busy... blah blah blah, Blah."

It's a complete and utter waste of time to fawn over an organism that doesn't have enough balls to pick up

the phone. The bottom line is, if he doesn't call, he's not interested. Move on.

2. Since our government hasn't passed the all-jerks-must-wear-flashing-signs law, there is no way of knowing what you're getting into unless you've invested enough of yourself in someone. Be prepared for some collateral damage to your ego.

3. Some people have the personality of a goldfish. And there is nothing humanly possible to change this fact.

4. Apparently, the human body is sectioned into a number of zones. And touching/groping certain areas send different signals. This varies from person to person, but I find a number of them say constant: caressing someone's arm or shoulder is a sign of friendly affection. This is not making a move.

However, if you touch someone's face or neck, or hold their hand, you are making a move. Touching the back of the head, waist and outer thigh only causes confusion, and contact with any of the pink parts means you're probably naked or will be with in the hour.

Making contact with any other body part not listed above is unadvisable, simply because I don't fully understand the implications.

5. As far as my knowledge goes, this fact only applies to XX chromosome carriers, but not quote me: finding a rendezvous wearing granny panties (underwear as tacky and large as the Afghan quilt your grandma knitted), and having unknown legs will mean the other party will be Mr Right.

And, well, that wraps her up. But do remember, it's like Tony Danza once said: "Don't take my word on it."

## I must join the Raelians

Fresh clones, French-speaking aliens and salacious parties are too much for mortal men like me to resist



TYSON DURST

Many people make New Year's resolutions like quitting smoking or joining a gym. Me, I thought I might join a religious cult to be a bit different. So I've got my eye on one that everybody's been talking about lately and it seems to have just about everything. Space aliens. Clones. Sex orgies. Yep, the Raelian movement is the latest craze, and I want in.

But who are the Raelians? How are space aliens, clones, and sex orgies involved? What about space alien clone sex orgies? Are those allowed? All sensible questions. Allow me to provide a little background.

Over the Christmas holidays, Dr Brigitte Boisselier, chief executive of a company known as Clonaid, caused a bit of a stir by announcing that they had produced the world's first human clone in the US. Clonaid has followed this up by claiming that another cloned baby has been born in Europe, and that another three are due in February of this year. But Clonaid is not just any run-of-the-mill front-yard human cloning company out of the Edmonton yellow pages. See, this company was founded by the Raelian movement, which marks its twentieth anniversary this year.

In December of 1973, French jour-

nalist Claude Vorilhon, who now calls himself Rael, claimed he was visited by an extraterrestrial from a flying saucer. The alien revealed—in fluent French, of course—that humans were actually created in laboratories on another planet and put on Earth 25 000 years ago.

Along with this central belief, the Raelians are into the cloning trend in a big way. Apparently, they believe that the soul dies along with the body. Well, that's an annoying problem.

**In some file footage on the news, they featured a naked guy playing a guitar for his fellow Raelians who were in various states of nekkid. Think Woodstock of 1969... but with a modern sci-fi flavour.**

What's the solution? Clone humans and develop technology to accelerate aging so that you can have an adult clone grown quickly. Then your brain can be transferred to the clone, thus ensuring eternal life, according to Rael. Brilliant!

Well, that's all well and good, but what about the sex orgies? It seems the Raelians are also really into good, old-fashioned humping on planet Earth.

Want to have sex with whomever and with as many people as you want? In a single session? The Raelians may be able to help you out. In some file footage on the news, they featured a naked guy playing a guitar for his fellow Raelians who were all in various states of nekkid. Think Woodstock of 1969 with the marijuana haze and Janis Joplin, but with a modern sci-fi flavour.

In all honesty, I should probably say that I have some reservations about joining this organization. Sure, the wild, hippie, sci-fi sex is appealing, but I'm thinking they might not be entirely on the level with some of their claims. For example, I'm a bit skeptical that aliens speak French when the vast canon of science fiction indicates that they likely speak English.

But regardless of how the Raelian clone saga plays out, it has taught me some important things. One is that the only thing better than breakthroughs in science are breakthroughs in mad science. (Wouldn't a mad science faculty be cool? Just like the regular deal except you wouldn't have to worry about annoying things like ethics. And who doesn't want to build an army of cloned chimpanzee cyborgs or dose yourself in radiation to gain incredible superpowers?)

Second, if you're lonely and tired of making out with that cheap, inflatable, life-size blunt-approximation of a human-being-shaped doll you bought at San Francisco on Boxing Day, start a cult.

Finally, I'm reminded of Fox Mulder telling us that "the truth is out there." Boy, is it ever.

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# Nothing is wrong with GM foods



PHILLIP  
HEAD

There is currently a great deal of opposition to genetically modified organisms (GMOs), particularly with respect to food. Protesters claim that North America has been turned into a giant Petri dish, with over 90 per cent of processed foods containing some GM ingredients. And the European Union boycotts most GMOs, including genetically altered canola from Canada, out of fear of possible health risks.

Should we be concerned? Humans have been genetically modifying plants and animals through breeding for millennia. Corn, wheat, and rice—all of these foods, which have led to agriculture and civilization, were modified to produce higher yields and greater nutrition.

And genetic engineering is not an unnatural process. *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* is a bacterium which will insert DNA into the genome of plants and cause them to produce food (called opines) for other *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* living in the soil. Bacteria and plants are not even classified in the same domain, let alone kingdom, so why are people so unnerved when DNA that, for example, encodes antifreeze in a species like a fish is inserted into something comparatively closely related like wheat? Is this bacterium somehow unnatural? Is it "playing God"? To say so seems a little dismissive

of divine power to me.

There are only two real differences between traditional forms of modifying animals and the modern techniques. Modern methods are faster and more specific. No longer do we have to spend centuries of selective breeding to achieve a result—now we can obtain desired traits without also getting a series of unwanted and possibly harmful traits through breeding. Canola didn't exist 50 years ago—it was created from rapeseed through breeding. So why aren't people protesting regular canola, while they go berserk over herbicide-resistant canola?

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Of course, when changes took much longer there was more opportunity to observe the effects of the changes on the organism and environment. However, careful testing and regulation should be able to detect any potentially negative effects before a GMO is marketed.

GMOs can do a great deal of good if used properly. Golden rice has been genetically altered to contain vitamin D, a vitamin lacking in the diets

of children in many developing countries. By increasing the amount of vitamin D available, it may be possible to combat the large number of health problems in developing nations due to a lack of this essential nutrient. Such potential benefits should not be rejected out of fear of " Frankenfoods " or knee-jerk reactions to new technologies.

However, it is important to separate the issues of genetically modifying organisms and the business practices of the corporations who do so.

There are problems with the biotechnology industry. Cases such as Monsanto successfully suing Saskatchewan farmer Percy Schmeiser after their Roundup Ready Canola was found in his field, despite the fact that he didn't use Roundup and the Canola was a contaminant from neighbouring farms. Monocropping, insane patent laws, and exploitation of Third World farmers are all the results of the short-term profit-seeking multinationals. Although these types of companies are increasingly funding biotechnology research, they are not the true face of the practice.

There is nothing morally wrong with genetic engineering. People interfere with genetics daily. When people create purebred dogs and cats, they are genetically engineering them. Whenever a farmer plants a crop, he is selecting a certain species over others. When you plant flowers in your garden you are selecting for genetic traits such as appearance and smell.

So, if you want to eliminate GMOs from your diet, move to whatever is left of the Amazon rain forest and start foraging. Otherwise, you're out of luck.

## THE BURLAP SACK

I should be stressed out over the rising tuition costs, the class I am inevitably about to fail or the implications the Kyoto accord will have on Alberta's environment. But what am I stressing at? The couple making out on the couch next to me at SUB.

Groans and small squeals are heard from the "bedroom" right behind myself. Despite my and several other people's attempt to ignore them, it is just about impossible to ignore two people so into each other in such a public place. This display of hands and heads and laps is what my little brother would call "getting to first base."

Obviously, this sack beating goes out to couples everywhere who don't properly utilize small and sweet public displays of affection and misplace every single busy public place for a perfect opportunity to get it on. Come on, grow up and learn the difference between a Saturday night grope-fest and lunch time in SUB.

HOLLY HIGGINS

The Burlap Sack is a semi-regular feature where a person or group who needs to be put in a sack and beaten is ridiculed in print. No sack beatings are actually administered.

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**It** would seem bad enough that Canadians are dying from Third world diseases in their drinking water, and that untamed wilderness — the cornerstone of Canadian identity, more crucial to the national character than even universal health care or multiculturalism — is being destroyed at a dismally high rate. But can environmental degradation lead to war?

A growing number of analysts agree that, indeed, it can and it has. Canada is not immune to this alarming trend, which has already led to Canadian military action in the North Atlantic and may eventually require the nation to take strong steps to defend the Northwest Passage, the defining feature of the Canadian northern frontier.

Environmental awareness has traditionally stemmed from concerns over the economic and human health impacts of pollution and development; a desire to preserve our natural heritage and a fundamental respect for the ecological integrity of the natural world. However, environmental activists, social scientists and security analysts from organizations as diverse as Greenpeace and the CIA are increasingly worried about a new face to this now-familiar problem: environmental security.

Economic, social, political and military upheaval arising from the destruction of natural resources, including farmland, forests and water, already affects Canadians indirectly through its impacts on world trade, foreign relations, and the international flow of migrant populations. Environmental degradation also compromises Canadian national security in more direct ways, and may ultimately threaten the sovereignty of our arctic borders.

"Environmental refugees are, for the first time in the history of the world, more numerous than refugees from war," states Olav Slaymaker, director of the Environmental Security Program at the University of British Columbia (UBC)'s Liu Institute for Global Studies. Slaymaker cites this as "evidence of a new reality."

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It is a global problem and there is wide variation in the types of environmental security problems. These include overt military conflict between Israel and Syria over access to freshwater resources, which are scarce in the region and growing scarcer due to overexploitation and pollution; guerrilla warfare in the Mexican state of Chiapas resulting in part from local population growth, deterioration of arable land and deforestation which threatens the fuel supplies of aboriginal inhabitants; and diffusion of radiation from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster which threatens the already precarious livelihood of indigenous Lapp reindeer herders in northern Sweden. Given the diversity of these issues, Slaymaker cautions that "it is very difficult to put precise numbers to the nature and scale of the problem."

Environmental security threats are typically defined by the intelligence and military communities as problems which compromise national security in some way, either domestically or internationally. This is a new and rapidly evolving field, however, and other perspectives exist. Slaymaker takes a somewhat broader view, stating, "Environmental security is a field of study that is parallel to the field of human security and concerns ways of determining the sensitivity, resilience and vulnerability of the environment to imposed change."

Ken Green, director of the Centre for Studies in Risk and Regulation at the Fraser Institute, a Vancouver-based think-tank, places a greater emphasis upon deliberate environmental destruction as a weapon of warfare or terrorism. He regards environmental security as "protecting your environmental systems from being an avenue of attack through chemical or biological warfare," and suggests that "attacks on the environments of one's opponents are actually common," though historically ineffective.



# Environmental degradation threatens Canadian national security

Although skeptical of wider notions of environmental security, Green agrees that a nation could conceivably jeopardize its own security inadvertently through gross environmental mismanagement.

"Can you so overstress an environmental system, like water, that you render yourself insecure on any basis—health, safety, ability of a government to protect the well-being of its population, the ability to sustain markets and international trading? Historically speaking, I think some countries have come close to doing that," he says. With growing populations and economies, and the attendant increases in demand upon natural resources and the environment, that threat grows ever larger.

Of course, competition for limited natural resources has always been a source of military conflict, and environmental degradation and resource depletion have been linked to the declines of numerous civilizations throughout history. What's different about the modern concept of environmental security?

"It was not until 1990 that the scale of human interference with the environment had achieved the same level of impact as the geophysical changes," says Slaymaker. "That human impact is accelerating."

In addition to the increasing severity of human impacts on the environment, the spatial scale of degradation has grown from local to regional, to global. This is particularly true for Canada given that the impacts of global warming, be it natural or anthropogenic, are known to be most acute at high latitudes, such as in the Canadian arctic. As well, awareness has also increased of both environmental matters and, since a year ago last September, security matters.

"The war on terrorism has become the new razor by which you parse policy issues," notes Green, with what seems to be a hint of distaste. This heightened emphasis upon security spans the full spectrum of policy matters, including environmental policy.

Canada is already subject to direct environmental security threats. The decades-old controversy about selling Canadian freshwater resources to the more heavily populated and water-poor US is intensifying, largely out of concern regarding NAFTA's Chapter 11. This portion of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which Canadian nationalists contend has little to do with the economic concept of tariff-free international trade and more to do with exploitation, effectively prohibits governments from stopping the flow of a commodity across the border.

In the context of water resources, this means that once any bulk economic export of water to the US begins, the entire nation is obliged to follow, and exports cannot be discontinued regardless of the environmental consequences or Canada's own water needs.

Some argue, however, that the high cost of transporting bulk water long distances would stimulate entrepreneurship and public- and private-sector research, resulting in low-cost, desalination or recycling facilities in the US and reducing demand for Canadian water. Indeed, purification of sea water and "used" water, although expensive, is already common in some parts of the world, and the American demand for Canadian freshwater resources would clearly depend in part upon the cost-effectiveness of the various potential solutions. Nevertheless, water is the lifeblood of both ecosystems and economies, and Canadian sensitivity to the prospect of losing control of its water resources is growing more acute.

Perhaps a clearer, and certainly more dramatic, example of direct Canadian environmental security

threats is the so-called Spanish-Canadian Turbot War of 1995. Environmental destruction of the East Coast fisheries largely by overexploitation, which had already caused a cod stock collapse, was also severely threatening turbot populations. Failure of ongoing diplomatic efforts to end further decimation of these stocks by a large Spanish fishing fleet stationed immediately outside Canada's 200-mile economic exclusion zone led to more drastic action by the Canadian government.

On 8 March, 1995, after a four-hour chase through dense fog terminated by a shot fired across the bow of the fleeing Spanish fishing vessel, the Canadian Coast Guard boarded the trawler *Estai*, arrested its captain, and impounded the ship. Spain responded by sending naval frigates to the area; Canada in turn dispatched the HMCS *Terra Nova*, a destroyer with ship-to-ship missile capability. The incident was ultimately resolved through negotiation and without serious injury. Nevertheless, the ominous fact remains that the first shot ever fired by post-Confederation Canada in direct defence of its own sovereignty was taken in the context of environmental security.

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Canadians may have to grow more accustomed to such historically uncharacteristic gunboat diplomacy if a commercially viable Northwest Passage—the dream of explorers and empires from the sixteenth century onward—finally becomes a reality due to climate change.

"You're [currently] looking at a very small window of around eight weeks when you can possibly get through," UBC oceanographer Trish Amundrud says of the Northwest Passage, an ice-laden maritime route through the Canadian arctic that, when open, dramatically shortens the trip between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Global warming may change all that.

"The general historical trend everyone's talking about right now is that we have a decrease in ice thickness and a decrease in ice extent," says Amundrud. She cautions that the results are quite controversial because of the complexity of the phenomena involved and limited data availability, and that future trends may be complicated by simultaneous increases in the amount that ice cover fluctuates year-to-year. Nevertheless, Amundrud acknowledges that a majority of scientists regard the opening of a commercially viable Northwest Passage under climate warming to be, in the post-11 September vernacular, a credible threat.

Potential opening of the Northwest Passage—which follows a circuitous route often passing within a few kilometres of Canadian shores—constitutes a pressing national security issue because

the passage is not recognized by either the United States or the European Union as sovereign Canadian waters.

"An American ship went through this year without Canadian permission," Amundrud notes; this is not a rare occurrence. If the ice clears sufficiently to permit substantial marine traffic and sovereignty is not forcefully asserted over the passage, Canada will have no control over what goes through it—be it dangerous chemicals or dangerous people—or what is dumped from ships into ecologically-sensitive arctic waters.

In contrast, if the passage is recognized as Canadian rather than international waters, Canada will have a great deal of legal authority to prescribe and enforce codes of acceptable conduct. And while Canadian ownership of the arctic archipelago is not currently in question, loss of the Northwest Passage might set a dangerous precedent.

This environmental security issue could ultimately present the most severe challenge ever to the country's independence because Canadians would have no one to turn to but themselves: for the first time in history, neither Britain, France nor America would be on Canada's side. Canada might, therefore, need to back away from its traditional preference for cooperative internationalism—and a dependence upon the goodwill of powerful allies—in favour of a more unilateral and self-reliant approach to foreign relations.

What can be done to increase environmental security in general? Effectively addressing the underlying environmental degradation is obviously crucial, but opinions differ on how this might best be accomplished. Green states that overall, ecological ruin arises "when you have a dysfunctional system of government that doesn't allow markets to function, and doesn't allow the signal that people are overusing an environmental system to be worked into the way they structure their lives and activities." Payment for, and appropriate pricing of, the environmental services provided by natural systems is key to their successful management, he contends, as increased scarcity drives up costs and forces changes in behaviour.

"Increasing environmental security," Slaymaker argues, "can only come about with a change in human behaviour: a mode of conduct that respects, rather than exploits, the environment." With regard to our ability to negotiate internationally for protection of Canada's environmental integrity, Slaymaker adds, "If we had a better national record of respecting our environment, we would be able to argue from a position of greater strength than what we presently have. The last decade has seen a precipitous decline in Canada's record as an environmentally-sensitive nation."

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Both Green and Slaymaker seem to agree, though, that fundamental changes are necessary in how we interact with the ecological fabric within which humanity exists, and without which it can not.

Yet successful defence of Canadian environmental security might ultimately require something with a bit more punch. Some evidence for this comes from the fact that Russia is evidently not perturbed by the prospect of an ice-free Northeast Passage across the arctic shores of Siberia. Why not?

"The Russians have a little more balls than we do," says Amundrud, only partly tongue-in-cheek. To be sure, addressing the underlying causes of environmental degradation—such as curbing greenhouse gas emissions, which are widely held responsible for observed climate warming trends and, by the same token, gradual clearing of Canada's Northwest Passage—is absolutely necessary.

Nevertheless, environmental issues are becoming increasingly synonymous with national defence and may need to be addressed in that light. This is clearly apparent in the case of preserving Canadian claims to internationally-contested maritime areas, such as the East Coast fisheries and the Northwest Passage. If foreign ships can travel for thousands of kilometres through the Canadian arctic, for example, without seeing any convincing signs of Canadian presence (military presence being the most convincing of all) they will feel little motivation to recognize Canada's sovereignty over the region.

While Canada will likely never have an arctic battle fleet to rival that of the still self-assured former Soviet Union, the nation may nevertheless need to cowboy up a little if only to ensure a reasonable position at the bargaining table.



# Rev-ellers rock a three-day goodbye party

## The Rev's Final Show

with Nornearns, The Buicks, Corb Lund Band, Pal Joey, and many more  
The Rev Cabaret  
9-11 January

GEOFF MOYSA  
Arts & Entertainment Writer

It's cold on Saturday night—damned freezing, actually—and the lineup outside the familiar brick façade of The Rev stretches for longer than my flimsy jacket will keep you the wind.

Somehow, this scene has become as comfortable as family for most Rev and Lush patrons this weekend, who are no strangers to huddling in a shivering mass on sub-zero evenings waiting to enter one of the city's beloved venues on 102 Street. It may be the last time this lineup occurs, now that The Rev and its progeny clubs are no more.

My first introduction to the place came almost ten years ago when it was still The Bronx, and I was a naïve 13-year-old kid. After a grueling week of convincing my parents that I wasn't being lured into a world of drugs and immorality, I was allowed to go to my first all-ages show. The sinister alley entrance played tricks with my fears, but any nervousness vanished after the seemingly endless and frozen wait in line gave way to Bushfrog and the smells tearing up the stage.

That was all I needed to jump headfirst down the rabbit hole and discover a bold, rich scene previously unknown to me, becoming a ten-year patron of the building in the process. The Bronx became The Rev, and The Rev gave birth to Lush, the dank underbelly of the cavernous building that fueled my alcoholic tendencies weekly for the better part of five years. Fine, so maybe my parents were right.

The Rev's last weekend was more about a sense of community than a live gig, as people with similar fond memories came to pay tribute to the closing of their old stomping grounds. In some ways, the surrounding hype is a sham, as the building will re-open under new ownership—gigs booked well into March will make sure of that—but Rev promoter Brent Oliver made the best of the symbolic opportunity by reuniting some long-defunct bands that cut their teeth on this stage.

With nine bands a night and short 20-minute sets, it was a stop-start affair, but it allowed fans to reacquaint themselves with old favourites like the mellow, harmony-driven rock of Pal Joey, the Lacleys' straight-up punk, the hard-bitten nectar of Bullyproof, and the reckless thrash of Minstrels on Speed. Screw-ups were inevitable



FOR ME, PEPPER—I PUT IT ON MY PLATE Rob Wright from Nornearns shows the Rev his best impression of Mr Chrétien on Saturday night.

when bands haven't played together in up to nine years, but Saturday's unexpected highlight of Nowhere Blossoms' driving, melodic rock showed no signs of collecting dust on the shelf as the trio of guitars and nimble bass riffed off each other like old friends. Despite missing their lead vocalist/guitarist, the Buicks also pulled off a strong set on Thursday thanks to guitarist Jared Stufico assuming triple duty on vocals and dual guitar parts.

Of course, part of the event's draw was Saturday's big secret mystery band to close down the venue. Rumours ranged anywhere from the ridiculous (Nickelback, Queens of the Stone Age) to the more plausible red herrings (the Smalls, SNFU). The choice, however, went to Nornearns, who have played countless shows in the club since it opened. The Victoria punk veterans knocked the crowd of its feet with an inexhaustible set of tight, snarling opuses driven by Rob Wright's thundering bass lines that climbed the walls and snaked and rumbled across the floor, causing spastic reactions both onstage and off.

Perhaps the most interesting element of the cross-section was the family tree that connects many of the bands, past and present. Melly's Reach guitarist Lyle Bell fronted both Whitey Houston and Slow Fresh Oil, the latter including The Rev's own Brent Oliver on bass, who also took up the keyboard for Pal Joey. Ryan Vikedal, now drummer for Nickelback, laid down the beat for the Corb Lund Band (ex-smalls bassist



TO BOLDLY SING... Ted from the James T Kirks croons to a crowded Rev.

and the Pierny, the latter of which also showcased the awesome talents of Hi-Phonics bassist Jay Cairns.

It was a huge party weekend, undoubtedly,

but these small degrees of separation reveal the real focus of the event—Edmonton's tightly knit musical community, and the Rev's institutional role in incubating it for the past 15 years.

# Being John Malkovich creator displays his life on screen



Meryl Streep

## Adaptation

Directed by Spike Jonze  
Starring Nicholas Cage and Meryl Streep  
Now Playing

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Adaptation—it's not something humans do easily. Most of us would rather stay in a bad relationship, keep up a bad habit, or continue a dangerous cycle of self-abuse than rock the boat. It's just too damned scary.

However, on the other hand, now they know what they're doing, at least according to director Spike Jonze's newest movie. And that's really all I can say about it for sure.

Like his first feature, *Being John Malkovich*, *Adaptation* is one of those films tailor-made for film class discussion. Its bizarre mix of realism and post-modernism, fact and fiction, biting sarcasm and dead sincerity takes the audience on an introspective journey that somehow manages to encompass all of time and evolution. It's as if Don DeLillo and Charles Darwin ran into each other at a bus station, walked down the street to a bar, got sickening drunk with Woody Allen and decided to play a wicked prank on Jimmy Stewart.

Are you having a little trouble following? I'll try to explain. You see, *Adaptation* is about the film's real-life screenwriter, Charlie Kaufman (Nicholas Cage), who, having recently finished

writing *Being John Malkovich*, is trying desperately to write his next feature, an adaptation (what a slippery word that is) of Susan Orlean's (real) book *The Orchid Thief*.

So, you see, the Darwin part is obvious. Orchids are survivors in ways humans haven't quite figured out, and Orlean's book is as much about the admiration of their majesty as about its titular character, John Laroche (Chris Cooper).

Problem is, the book is largely about self-analysis so there isn't much of a plot. Kaufman is so racked with self-doubt, he can't seem to find a way to approach it. Instead he masturbates a lot (as it's well-known writers do) and participates in that Allen-esque kind of self-analysis that comes half from self-loathing and half from vanity.

To make matters worse, his gregarious twin brother Donald (who, according to the credits, is also credited with writing *Adaptation* though he is, in fact, a fictional character) has suddenly decided to become a screenwriter as well and bothers Kaufman with questions, day and night.

*Adaptation* is also about Orlean's book and

her (real) obsession with Laroche's passionate, if weird, life. Orlean (Meryl Streep) dreams of pursuing life with her subject's passion, but, like Kaufman, is held back by self-doubt.

Eventually Kaufman realizes that the book is articulating his own feelings. The only way he can do it justice is by writing himself into the script: we're watching. Just when you think it's all coming to an end, he changes directions and winds himself, Donald, Orlean and Laroche into a shared destiny that includes drugs, sex, and a chase through a dark swamp.

However, for all its complexities and self-reference, *Adaptation* manages to stay genuine. It's easy to feel for these characters because they're basically a group of normal people swept up by a tidal wave of coincidence.

Watching the film is like standing in a room full of orchids; if you stare long enough at the jumble of similar-looking plants, eventually you begin to see both the unique beauty in each individual flower, as well as the basic connectedness between them.

And that's the one thing about this film you don't need a PhD to understand.





# Just Married's sight gags are worth the ticket price

## Just Married

Directed by Shawn Levy  
Starring Brittany Murphy,  
Ashton Kutcher, and Christian Kane  
Now playing

JOHN WHELAN  
Arts & Entertainment Writer

There is no reason why this film should work. Refreshed plot lines, wooden acting, strategically-placed toilet humour and physical comedy give *Just Married* every opportunity to be heroically dull and tiresome, which is why it was such a surprise when it turned out to be so good.

Tom Leerak (Ashton Kutcher) is a relief late-night radio traffic reporter (an impossible concept to buy into). Sarah McNerry (Brittany Murphy) is a Beverly Hills princess. Despite the archetypal class difference, they immediately fall in love, shuck up, and are soon planning their wedding.

Of course, McNerry's family and friends all disapprove of their sudden engagement, but they say things like

"congratulations," and "well done," and "splendid" through clenched teeth. Even the disturbingly wealthy ex-love interest (Christian Kane), who is always around for some reason, expresses his approbation with a scheming love-triangle-esque grin.

Soon, the happy couple is off on their European honeymoon, where they get off to a great start by mocking the locals for being foreign and freeing their five-star hotel from the bonds of its electrical wiring by trying to plug an American vibrator into a European wall outlet. They are swiftly kicked out and forced to find their own lodgings at the peak of tourist season.

The honeymoon quickly declines into a worst-case scenario, which is where the bulk of the film rests. Seedy hotels, comedic "accidents," and the ex-boyfriend showing up yet again set the young couple's devotion to each other. Criss ensues, as one would expect.

With all these themes in place, it's hard to find anything new in

*Just Married*. What makes it work, however, is how the film is presented. Director Shawn Levy (*Big Fat Liar*) strikes a perfect balance between the love story and physical comedy. The pacing is surprisingly relaxed, and the plot, although recycled, is sound: everything happens for a reason, and nothing is tacked on or thrown in last minute.

Also contributing to the film's success is its tact. Bucking the trend of exaggerated sight gags and gross-out humour, *Just Married* shows us that subtlety can be just as effective. The sight gags and toilet humour are still there, but you aren't beaten over the head with them. There is no big comedic payoff or money shot, but what is lost in immediacy is compensated for in the build up. As the film progresses, so does the laugh quotient.

Sadly, Kutcher isn't graduated from the Kelo school of acting, although this film doesn't demand that he does. Murphy, on the other hand, does a wonderful job as the little rich girl whose love of art is more important



HAPLESS HUMBERS Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy in an awkward pose.

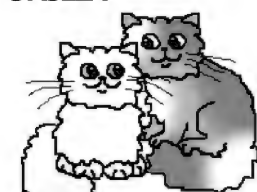
than her bank account.

Together they pull off a decent performance in a film that could very easily have gone wrong. It's no surprise that they ended up dating in real life; it looked like they were having a

blast making this film.

If you need a reason to see *Just Married*, keep this in mind: it is a kabilion times better than *Dude, Where's My Car?* and that's all the reason you need.

## SITE UNSEEN



[www.geocities.com/virtualpersiancattery/](http://www.geocities.com/virtualpersiancattery/)

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Have you ever wanted to adopt a pet, but don't want all of the hassle of feeding them, cleaning up after them or touching them? If that sums up your pet desires perfectly, then Virtual Persian Cattery is just for you. This Geocities website allows you to paste animated GIFs of any number of cute little Persian Kitties on your webpage along with the flashing rainbow banners and poorly-adjusted frames that you insist on using.

Be sure to follow the rules and place the "I've adopted a cat from the virtual Persian cattery" sign next to your orphan cats. Also, if you want a smaller cat for your site, you should check out the kittens section, with its assortment of only the smallest and cutest assemblages of pixels.

If you adopt a cat, please note: to be a good virtual cat owner you must, must, get some cat toys from the toys area. Unfortunately none of the toys are animated; the mice tails don't move and the dangling balls on the scratching posts don't flip back and forth. Hopefully this is only temporary as the rest of the site oozes with all the joy to be found in a real Persian cat, only in small, poorly animated GIF form.



**USELESS ID**  
No Vacation From the World  
Kung Fu Records  
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According to the liner notes, Useless ID believes in a cruelty-free lifestyle. This makes one wonder why they ever put out this piece of shit.

Oh sure, there are a couple of fun bits where you get a full blast of the good ol' punk energy, but at the end of the very, very long day, this disc merely tests the ol' patience.

Hailing from Haifa, Israel, they shamelessly use their unique origins as their gimmick, which is unfortunately the only thing that separates them from every other "punk" band in the world.

At times, they are dead ringers for NOFX; at others, early Face to Face.

The highlight of the entire disc is the outtake at the end where they are sitting around speaking Hebrew and smacking the bongos. Seriously, what the hell?

Buy this album if you're still not completely sick of high-beam/mall/suburb punk and want to perpetuate the already sunken standards of this once proud genre.

Everyone knows that *The Empire Strikes Back* is the greatest film in the Star Wars saga, and that anyone who thinks otherwise should be beaten with a sack of dead Ewoks. But are you tired of waiting for George to finish up *Episode III* and finally get around to putting the original trilogy on DVD?

That's OK, because in the meantime, you can re-experience the magic the way George Lucas always intended: on vinyl. Listen to all your favourite characters, from the asthmatic breathing of Darth Vader to the backwards syntax of Yoda, and follow along with your picture storybook.

The perfect gift for vinyl enthusiasts, this record boasts such exciting scenes—all recorded in perfect analogue sound—as the Battle of Hoth, and the tense asteroid scene, in which sexual tensions culminate in a beautiful moment shared between Han Solo and Princess Leia.

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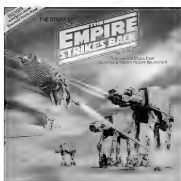
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## WEEKEND SCORES

Canada West conference records are listed

<b>Hockey</b>	<b>Bears (17-2-1)</b>
10 January	Bears 5, Lethbridge 2
11 January	Bears 3, Lethbridge 1
	<b>Pandas (12-0-0)</b>
	(Non-conference vs NWHL)
10 January	Pandas 1, Vancouver Griffins 1
11 January	Pandas 3, Vancouver Griffins 1
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>Pandas (10-4)</b>
10 January	Pandas 3, Dinos 0
11 January	Pandas 3, Dinos 2
	<b>Bears (16-0)</b>
10 January	Bears 3, Dinos 1
11 January	Bears 3, Dinos 0
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Bears (8-4)</b>
10 January	Bears 77, Calgary 70
11 January	Bears 95, Calgary 83
	<b>Pandas (9-9)</b>
10 January	Pandas 55, Calgary 71
11 January	Pandas 65, Calgary 75

## ATHLETIC NOTES

## Hockey

The hockey Bears' new forward Gable Gross scored two points in Alberta's 3-1 home win against the Pronghorns Saturday night. The Bears (17-2-1) won 5-2 on Friday.



JONYU

Charging as always, the Bears won 5-2 and 3-1.

The Pandas (12-0-0) played a pair of exhibition matches versus the Griffins of the NWHL in Vancouver this weekend. They tied 1-1 Friday and won 3-1 Saturday.

## Basketball

Phil Scherer led Alberta scoring with 55 points on the weekend as the Bears (8-4) won both their games in Calgary this weekend, 77-70 and 95-83.

The Pandas (9-9) didn't fare as well, losing 71-55 and 75-65 in Calgary over the weekend. Christine Shevchuk had 29 points over the series.

## Volleyball

Both the Bears (16-0) and Pandas (10-4) were victors of their weekend home series against the Dinos. The men won 3-1, 3-0, while the women won 3-0, 3-2.

## Wrestling Highlights

## Golden Bear Open, 11 January

## BEARS FINISH FIFTH OVERALL

68 kg	Steve Baylis	3rd
82 kg	Chris Maynes	3rd
90 kg	Drirkkie Wolmarans	2nd

## PANDAS FINISH SIXTH OVERALL

57 kg	Heidi Kulak	1st
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There was an exhibition meet Saturday night with Regina, because the Cougars didn't participate otherwise.

## SATURDAY TEAM EXHIBITION

Regina 24, Alberta 21

On Sunday, Alberta wrestling coach Vang Ioanides reflected, "If we had done the things that we did right in the dual meet last night, we would've done very well in the tournament yesterday."

## Freak thumb injuries lay up Pandas' finest grapplers

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Talk about adding insult to injury: first you lose all your veterans, then Simon Fraser University—home of the top wrestling program in the country—joins your conference, and finally, when it all comes together and the pressure's on, you dislocate your thumb.

Thumbs plural, actually. After Saturday's showing at the Golden Bear Open, Pandas' top-contenders Heidi Kulak and Melissa Hillaby sat out Sunday's Golden Bear Invitational, each with a dislocated thumb.

Kulak's misfortune struck in the last minute of the women's 57kg gold-medal final, but the injury didn't keep her from winning the match and walking away with a first-place finish.

Hillaby, however, wasn't so lucky. After losing her first match (a bizarre pin with two seconds left and no points against her), the second match did the damage, forcing her to finish the match injured. She effectively fought her next tussle with only one hand, finishing sixth in the 48kg weight class.

Injuries aside, the weekend was important for everyone, a sneak preview of the remainder of the season and the roadblocks between here and the national podium.

"There are a lot of tough opponents, even more than I thought..." commented Hillaby. "My weight class is going to be even more challenging than I expected. I'm going to have to start lifting weights... I won't expect any easy go's."

And despite her first-place finish, Kulak concurred: "It was a really good indicator, varsity-wise, for Canada West and CIS. It's never smooth, though... I think it's gonna be hard work to the end. I feel confident, but I don't feel like anything's in the bag at this time."

So, Alberta's grapplers are progressing, not knocking over any mountains yet, but clipping along with comfortable, if cautious, momentum. Indeed, what doesn't break your thumb off only makes you stronger.

"The doctor said a month, but I'll be back next week," concluded Hillaby.



LEANNIE FONG

Golden Bear Steve Baylis (above) finished third in the 68kg weight class, while teammates Chris Maynes and Drirkkie Wolmarans finished third and second respectively, in the 82 and 90kg classes.

## BEARS HAVE QUIET WEEKEND

The Bears had a fairly modest weekend, with no top finishers. However, strong showings on Saturday from Steve Baylis (bronze in the 68kg weight class) and Chris Maynes (bronze in the 82kg weight class) rounded out a satisfying silver in the 90kg weight class from fresh returnee Drirkkie Wolmarans.

"The doctor said a month, but I'll be back next week."

PANDAS WRESTLER MELISSA HILLABY, COMMENTING ON HER THUMB INJURY

Sunday's turnout was punctuated by Golden Bear rookie Joe Slobodian. The 28-year-old is staging a comeback from a seven-year wrestling hiatus now that he's attending the U of A. A bit kankier, and much taller than most of his opponents, Slobodian makes for an unassuming adversary.

"Personally, I enjoy wrestling the smaller,

stockier guys," says Slobodian, "because I can use my length as leverage. I'm very unorthodox. I wrestle a different style than any average wrestler today... and it's just by using my long arms and legs. One minute they think they've got me, and the next minute, I've got them on their back. So it's just my own style that I've made up over the years, of being a very defensive wrestler."

Although Slobodian was shy of the podium with fifth-place finishes both days, he's looking to the next few months to prepare himself not only physically and technically, but also mentally, for the grueling path to the CIS championships.

"So far, I haven't lost too much of it. If I take it seriously, start training seriously, start getting a little stronger, I know I can compete with these guys."

"You see all these guys out here: the physical, the speed. But a big part of the sport is being mentally ready, rather than physically or technically. If you're mentally prepared, you'll surprise some people who are even better than you if you just put your mind to it."

## Gross new addition from Hollywood hills

New Bears hockey forward Gable Gross nets two points in debut, contributing to a 3-1 win

## BEARS VS LETHBRIDGE PRONGHORNS



5-2  
Friday



3-1  
Friday



BRYAN LEE  
Sports Writer

Lights, camera...

Hollywood-born Golden Bear rookie Gable Gross, a mid-season addition to an already talented team, made the most of his first playing opportunity this weekend. With a goal and an assist in Saturday's game against Lethbridge, Gross was named the first star in the second of two wins over the Pronghorns.

"I'm more excited about getting the sweep this weekend. There were two big games for our team, and there are only eight games left now," a modest Gross remarked.

"Lethbridge is a good team, and they battle every time we play them," he added.

The Bears were successful in keeping Canada West scoring leader Ryan Epp contained, but had to contend with the superb play of backup goalie Kirby Millar. Lethbridge starter Andy Houlthys was pulled early in Friday's match after the Bears jumped out to a 2-0 lead. Millar held the Bears in the first period, which allowed his team to come back 2-2. Two shorthanded goals cost the Pronghorns though, and they went on to lose 5-2.

Millar's strong play continued into Saturday's game. Lethbridge also played well defensively and was outpacing the Bears in shots for most of the game. It was only when two Pronghorn defenders collided late in the second period that Golden Bear Jonathan Hobson gained an uncontested assault on the net to break the 1-1 deadlock.

"They didn't surprise us at all. They gave us exactly what we expected. They're a tough, hard-working team, and you have to play well to beat them," Bears head coach Rob Daum explained.

"For a guy like Millar, who doesn't give up a lot of rebounds, you just have to shoot the puck more. That's one thing we did in the third," Gross added, noting that the Bears got 11 of their 28 shots in the final period. Gross contributed the insurance goal in that period to seal the 3-1 victory.

Gross, who had 121 points in five seasons in the WHL, was inserted into Saturday's game because of an eye injury to Scott Henkelman in Friday's match-up. He fit in on the Hobson line, where he and the forward played together in Kamloops.

"For three years, we were on a line together, so it wasn't too awkward. It's good to be reunited," Gross explained, noting that the strong academic and athletic focuses of the U of A program were a contributing factor to his decision to join the Bears.

"Every guy in the locker room I've played against in the western league, so you kind of feel at home here."

Bears leading scorers Steve Shrum and Kevin Marsh missed action this weekend due to minor injuries.

# 'This is exactly what we wanted'

Pandas' volleyballers 2-0 comeback on Saturday night is perfect practice for CIS nationals

## PANDAS VS CALGARY DINOS



3-0  
Friday



3-2  
Saturday



BRENDAN PROCE  
Sports Editor

There were many weird distractions at Saturday's Pandas volleyball game. The dishevelled merchandise table, looking untouched and hardly a ringing endorsement of university sport; the plethora of free shampoo samples, seeming dumped and forgotten by some remnant of an advertising deal. And Patches, Alberta's mascot, who incessantly blocked one's line of view to the game.

The on-court Pandas must have felt something too. Down two sets to none, it did not seem a winning night until they sealed the fifth set 15-6 over the visiting Dinos.

"This is exactly what we wanted," said head coach Laurie Eisler. "No, seriously. 3-0 is really sweet, but this sort of game prepares you to be a champion."

"It's really tough in our sport to come back from a 2-0 deficit."

There were moments of Pandas brilliance during the match. Libero

hush rocket-spikes with a quick flower-bloom set that creates an easy set-up for her teammates. Power Tawana Wardlaw is always fierce, and has an uncanny ability to pilot the ball exactly where the other team isn't. And setter Larissa Cundy had a superb night, amassing 52 set assists. As for the Calgary team, they seemed to give up after winning the first two sets, in a classic display of a good team who isn't quite great: they let their inertia get to their heads until they didn't have any left.

"We stuck to our game plan tonight, which was our serving strategy," said Eisler. "Though, it took longer to have effect." The previous night, her Pandas won quickly, 3-0.

"To win tonight, we brought back what we brought last night," said middle Jossan Mackenzie. "The Dinos had good blocking, and we defeated it by getting the ball to the middle of the court, where it's harder to defend."

The fifth-year middle, from Vernon, BC, echoed the sentiment of her coach. "Close games like this prepare us for nationals, where all the games go to five sets and are three hours long."

According to Eisler, the come from behind win was no small feat for her squad. She indicated that though her Pandas had one such victory last season, they'd never done it against a top-level team. Alberta is ranked fourth nationally, the Dinos fifth.

"Last night, points came easy. Tonight, we traded punches," she



Pandas' power Tawana Wardlaw (12) was fierce through both Alberta wins.

said. The Pandas previous conference matches against the Dinos this season, in Calgary, resulted in 3-1, 3-2 Dinos wins.

The team is on the road next weekend in Saskatchewan to challenge the 4-10 Huskies, and will return to the Main Gym 24 and 25 January for two games against the 3-11 Trinity Western Spartans, their final home games of the regular season.

## BEARS

Alberta men's coach Richard Schick is hard to please. After his team won their sixteenth consecutive conference match-up for a 16-0 Canada West record, he said, "We were lucky to win that."

"I don't doubt our effort, but I doubt our preparation. I know we weren't prepared enough because our serves weren't going where we wanted them to end up."

"Winning and losing doesn't matter—there are things we want to accomplish as a team. Of the 75 points we scored tonight (25-18, 25-22, 25-23), maybe 25 of those were championship points. We coasted for the other two thirds."

Schick and his top-ranked crew will join the Pandas on the road for two games against the third-ranked Huskies in Saskatchewan next weekend, and then will be back at the Main Gym for their final regular-season match-ups on 24 and 25 January, versus the sixth-ranked Trinity Western Spartans.

## STATISTICS

### Canada West Women's Volleyball

Through 12 January 2003  
Mountain Division

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE			
	W-L	Pct	PF	PA
Alberta	10-4	.714	36	17
Calgary	10-6	.625	36	25
Sask	4-10	.286	18	34

### Individual Scoring

Players listed have appeared in at least 50% of their team's games.

HITTING % (Min. 200/3.0 attacks PG)				
Player	Team	G	Pct	
J Mackenzie	ALB	53	.375	
J Salyn	MAN	63	.291	
J Schiller	UBC	57	.284	
K Armstrong	REG	50	.281	
A Charbonneau	WPG	51	.274	
T Wardlaw	ALB	47	.270	
A Atkinson	ALB	30	.262	
L Verhooff	TWU	64	.259	
E Cordorier	UBC	63	.254	
K Peck	UBC	69	.239	

### KILLS (Minimum 2.00 per game)

Player	Team	G	Av
T Wardlaw	ALB	47	3.91
A Charbonneau	WPG	51	3.61
T Smart	REG	50	3.30
S Wheeler	SASK	52	3.23
S Lawrok	REG	50	3.20
H Androsch	SFU	57	3.16
A Moppeff	CALG	61	3.15
L Verhooff	TWU	64	3.08
J Salyn	MAN	63	3.06
A Laluk	WPG	48	2.96

### ASSISTS (Minimum 5.00 per game)

Player	Team	G	Av
L Cundy	ALB	53	9.77
H Wearnouth	CALG	47	9.60
S Penner	MAN	63	9.43
J Prokoptez	REG	45	9.24
A Schroeder	UBC	73	9.08

## Decision of the Discipline Interpretation and Enforcement Board



### REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION

DATE: Monday January 6, 2003

### D.I.E. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Samuel, Chair, Lucas Lau, William McBeath, Jason Tobias, Vincent Tong

### INTERPRETATION SOUGHT BY:

Sieve Smith, VP Operations and Finance, acting on behalf of the Students' Council

### ISSUE:

1. What is the impact of the word "primarily" in the resolution itself? Does this have some sort of cut and dried meaning (e.g. that the annual expenditures on provincial lobbying must exceed those on federal lobbying) or is it a non-binding guideline?
2. If the latter, does this policy have any power to bind anybody to do anything, or is it merely advisory?
3. Could this policy, directly or indirectly, require or preclude the Students' Union's membership in any organization?
4. If yes, would a rider attached to the policy to read "Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to either require or preclude the Students' Union's membership in any organization" be effective in eliminating this requirement?
5. Does this policy meet the requirement under the Legislation Bylaw that political policies be "non operational"?

### DECISION:

1. It must be noted that all provisions of all policies are binding, and, as a result, no policy can contain a non-binding guideline. The last phrase of the political policy in question ("Be it resolved that the University of Alberta Students' Union focus its political efforts primarily in the provincial domain so as to better achieve its goals") is what, essentially, commits the Students' Union to a particular action. To provide clarity to this action, the D.I.E. Board felt it necessary to first define "political efforts" since this term is quite ambiguous. As such, political efforts is hereby defined as both the money and the time spent lobbying a specific level of government (either municipal, provincial, or federal). The impact, then, of the word "primarily" is to create a hierarchy: using only the money and the time spent lobbying that specific level of government- between lobbying

these different levels of government. Consequently, the total money and time spent lobbying the provincial government must exceed the total money and time spent lobbying the municipal government, and the total money and time spent lobbying the federal government.

2. This political policy, just like all other political policies, is binding the Students' Union to a particular action- in this case, to spend more money and time lobbying the provincial government than lobbying the municipal and federal governments.
3. This policy will indirectly affect the Students' Union's membership in certain government lobbying organizations. The Students' Union is free to be a member of whatever government lobbying organization it wishes, however, when the total money and time spent lobbying each level of government is calculated- which must now include, for that level of government, the money and time spent being a member of this government lobbying organization- more money and time must still be spent lobbying the provincial government than lobbying the municipal and federal governments. If the money and time spent being a member of this government lobbying organization results in the total money and time spent lobbying the provincial government no longer being the most when compared to the total money and time spent lobbying the municipal and federal governments, the Students' Union is obligated to either cease membership in this government lobbying organization or increase the money or time spent lobbying the provincial government.
4. The rider "Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to either require or preclude the Students' Union's membership in any organization", if included in this political policy, will eliminate the indirect membership restriction in government lobbying organizations. It will also, however, make the entire political policy moot by creating a "notwithstanding clause" to the only binding action of this policy.
5. This political policy meets the requirement under Bylaw 400- A Bylaw Respecting the Legislation of the Students' Union that political policies be "non operational". For a further rationale, please refer to D.I.E. Board Ruling #2.

The Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board functions as the judicial branch of the Students' Union, and is responsible for interpreting and enforcing all Students' Union legislation. If anyone has any questions regarding the D.I.E. Board, feel free to contact the Chair, Chris Samuel, at [dieboard@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:dieboard@su.ualberta.ca).





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january 16

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**Last year Roderick D. Fraser went all around the world on your tuition dollars including trips to Toronto, Calgary, Mexico, China, Ottawa, Montreal, Japan, Dallas, Vancouver, Austria, Slovenia, Hungary, Czech. Republic, Poland, Kelowna, Hong Kong, Waterloo, and New York to name but a few.**



## ***Are you the gumshoe who can catch him?***

We're offering big prizes for the 10<sup>th</sup> student to book a meeting with him and get him to answer the following 3 questions:

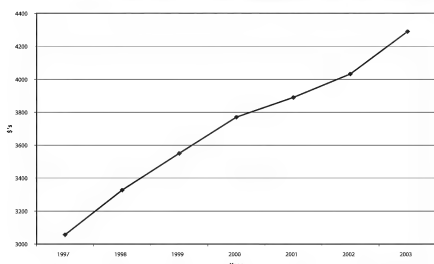
- 1) What will be the impact of the tuition increases on accessibility?
- 2) How many days are you on campus compared to off campus?
- 3) If you were an animal what animal would you be and why?

## **We need your services SUPER SLEUTH!**

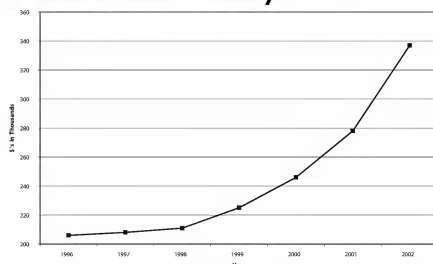
Please help us catch Roderick D. Fraser before he takes your tuition away.

*Drop completed answers off at any tuition table or at 2-900 SUB.*

**Tuition increases at U of A**



**Rod Fraser's Salary**



**That's right, folks: as the University forced yet another tuition increase on you last year, President Rod Fraser received a \$59,000 raise!**

# GET INVOLVED!

On January 17, the university Board of Governors will be voting on a proposal to increase general tuition fees by 6.4% next year, in addition to introducing deregulated fees to the faculties of law, medicine and business. Students at the University of Alberta have seen their tuition rates increase by over 200% in the past decade. This year, we are saying enough is enough. A tuition freeze is possible. Not only that, it is necessary if this university is to remain accessible on the basis of academic qualification, not financial status. Join us in our quest to get the university to

**FREEZE THE FEES!**



## Volunteer

**Fight the Tuition Increases! VOLUNTEER NOW!**

For more information, contact: Anand Sharma

ph: 492.4236

email: [vp.external@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.external@su.ualberta.ca)

# freeze the fees

Visit our tables in SUB throughout the week, in Tory on Tuesday and Thursday and in CAB on Thursday; get informed about the proposed tuition increases. Sign a petition for the university or the provincial government or both: let them know that the proposed tuition increases are unacceptable! Sign a postcard and send it to Lyle Oberg, Provincial Minister of Learning. Join our Wall of Debt campaign: sign a "brick" with your estimated debt load upon graduation, and it will be posted on the Wall of Debt in SUB. Don't forget to visit our website for comprehensive information about the freeze the fees campaign.

**[www.freezethefees.ca](http://www.freezethefees.ca)**

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WEAR: T-SHIRTS & TOQUES  
ARE STILL AVAILABLE.**



# **TENTING AGAINST TUITION**

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**January 13-17  
24/7**



Join with the Students' Union Executive in camping out for tuition relief (SUB will be open 24 hours). We are encouraging everyone to come out and join us.

Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

If you can only make one night, please come for the

**Rally on January 16th at 4:30pm**

in front of University Hall and stay for the night.

**PAINTING DAISIES** will be on hand for the event.

Also featuring a free BBQ, movies, the Simpsons, coffee and breakfast the next morning.

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*Join us nightly @ 8:00 in SUB for The Simpsons, a movie & popcorn.*

*Tuesday: Simpsons, Pump up the Volume*

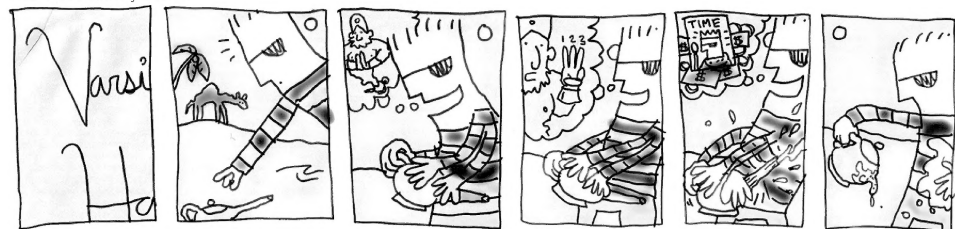
*Wednesday: Simpsons, movie TBA*

*Thursday: Simpsons, followed by a special Michael Moore movie*

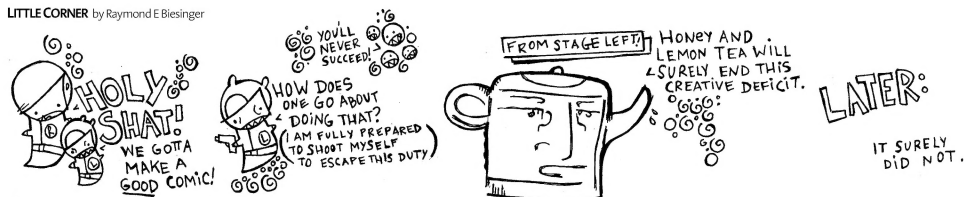
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## VARSITY HAPPENINGS by Bill Benson



## LITTLE CORNER by Raymond E Biesinger



## ANNA by Megan Simko



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## WASTED YOUTH by LSG



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Information Services at 492-4212

## FOR RENT

Basement suite, shared accommodation, major bus route. \$265 including all utilities. Phone 465-1283

Parking spot available. 109 St. 81 Ave. 5 min. walk to campus. \$55/month includes electricity. 438-4134

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Part time nanny/babysitter with child care experience needed for two full days a week, in Riverbend area for a 3 and 5 year old. We are responsible, enjoy kids, and like to laugh.

please call us at 433-8299.

Attention Students: Fabric Care Dry Cleaners requires permanent part time customer service person for aftermoon shifts, minimum 16 hours/week. Some Saturdays. Drop off resume at 14912 45 Ave. 435-5545. Ask for manager. Riverbend Location, one bus from campus.

The University Infant Toddler Center (next to Corbett Hall) needs child care assistants 12:30-2:30pm daily. Must love babies and be able to qualify for level 1 qualifications. Call Kim 334-8407

Packrat Local restaurant: 10335 83 Ave. Evergreen. DOWNTOWN. Help. Immediately. Phone Peter 433-0192 Sun, Mon off.

Les Salons Lingerie in West Edmonton Mall is looking for energetic, outgoing and friendly university students to work evenings and weekends during the school year and full time during the summer months. If this sounds like you, call Nicole at 444-4992 for more details or drop off a resume.

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EVENING JOBS ON CAMPUS! With the Student Craft Program. Fun work environment. Raising funds by phone. For

more info call 492-7374. Or go to www.livingwell.ca/apply To apply e-mail resume to: scsp@eev.ualberta.ca  
Part time staff needed at U area Out-of-School care. Experience working with children required. Two positions available. 8 positions available for Education students preferred. One volunteer at 492-1456

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Want to have some fun? Be a Mentor. It's about sharing, not making time. Share a little time each week with a young person. You'll feel like a kid again! Call Big Sisters & Big Brothers (Edmonton, Parkland, Strathcona County) 424-8181.

## THREE LINES FOR A TOONIE

I wonder if you folks out there realize that in just over a week's time, the staff at the Gateway will be jumping on planes and flying to Montreal for a journalism conference. Club Super Soze, a biente!

The Toastmaster abides. But do not cross her, for her rage is as painful as the scratchy surface of freshly toasted bread pressed against one's bare feet.  
Heya JP, You are the Connect Four champion, although I got you that one time. And now, thankfully, we are both safe in the winner's circle. Thank goodness for Rod Stewart and his Greatest Hits, Cheers 9/20.  
Leggy, buxom, and freshly leggy girl seeks Colin Firth lookalike who sleeps with a nightgown for v good time. e-mail simriva@hotmail.com.

They showed a TV movie about JFK Jr. America's Prince, on TBS yesterday, and I thought it was a really long film until I realized it had been repeated 3 times in a row.

## HAIKU HOT PANTS

Squiggly is my cat,  
She is nice but she got fat.  
Guess I eat her tail.  
Adam don't wear pants,  
And his mother was barren.  
And he wasn't born.  
Dear Nathan Stelmach,  
"Fire" has two syllables.  
"Firearm" has three.

My Little Pony,  
But not like real ones.  
But what where are y? Partier every we miss  
You're a yuck, your cock-face!  
Yeah Chris, totally.  
ROFLMAO!!!  
OWG! BRB LOU TTYV!!!!!!!  
Avril Lavigne gives tie wearing gals the black lung with she'd sk8 away



My name is  
Kwintine,  
I weasy wrote  
Hakka poems.  
Waw you berry  
fweird!  
GATEWAY  
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## HAPPY BOB KNOWS

Campus events and more...

CAPS presents the Education Career Fair on Monday, 20 January, 2003 in the Butterdome. Employers from Mexico, Great Britain, across Canada and the US (including New York), and Kuwait want to meet you! For more information, please visit CAPS in 2-100 SUB, or contact by phone at 492-4291.

SMESA (Science and Math Education Student Association) and FONCASTE present the Teaching Science and Math for the Future Conference on Saturday, 25 January, 2003 from 8:30am to 5:15pm in the Education Building. The charge for admission is \$10 for students (\$5 for SMESA members) and \$20 for teachers or others. Interested in attending workshops for teaching Science and Mathematics? Come to a conference on 25 January at the U of A Education Building. For more information, please contact Marg Devereux or Call Briton at 492-0148 or visit the SMESA website at www.ualberta.ca-smesa.

The Academic Support Centre presents a Study Strategies & Exam Preparation Workshop on Saturday, 25 January, 2003 from 10am to 3:30pm in 2725 SUB. The charge for admission is \$20 for students and \$100 for non-students. Covers time management, note-taking, reading and memory strategies, and how to study for and take multiple choice, short answer, essay and problem solving exams. Those planning to attend must pre-register. For more information, please contact the Academic Support Centre at 492-2682.

Specialized Support and Disability Services and CAPS present a Disability Disclosure Workshop on Wednesday, 22 January, 2003 from 4pm to 5:30pm in 2725 SUB. All students are welcome. Admission is free. Have you ever wondered when, how or if you should tell a potential employer about your disability? Whether you are looking for summer work or pursuing your career dream, it is wise to know your options for disclosing your disability. Please pre-register at either CAPS (2-100 SUB) or SDS (2-800 SUB), or e-mail joanneyardley@ualberta.ca.

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## Food Irradiation

## Health Canada Invites the Public to an Information Session on Food Irradiation

Health Canada invites the public to attend an information session on proposed regulatory changes which would expand the list of irradiated foods allowed to be sold in Canada. The proposed additions would include: ground beef, poultry, shrimp, prawns and mangoes. This session is intended to provide information on food irradiation and to explain the regulations which govern its use. In addition, the session will allow Health Canada to hear the views of Canadians on the proposed changes.

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2003

Location: University of Alberta  
The Auditorium  
Telus Centre for Professional Development  
111 Street 67 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Meeting format: Following presentations, the public will be given the opportunity to express their views. Those wishing to make formal presentations (2 minutes) must pre-register with Health Canada at:

Phone: (780) 495-7437  
Fax: (780) 495-2624

A question and answer session will follow all presentations.

Health Canada welcomes written comments on this subject at:

Bureau of Food Regulatory, International and Interagency Affairs  
Health Canada  
Address Locator: 0702C1  
Ottawa, Canada  
K1A 0L2

or by e-mail at: irradiation@hc-sc.gc.ca

Additional information on food irradiation and this information session can be found on the Health Canada Web site at: www.hc-sc.gc.ca

## Irradiation des aliments

## Santé Canada invite le public à assister à une séance d'information sur l'irradiation des aliments

Santé Canada invite le public à assister à une séance d'information sur les modifications proposées à la réglementation qui permettrait d'ajouter des produits à la liste des aliments irradiés dont la vente est autorisée au Canada. Les ajouts proposés sont: le bœuf haché, la volaille, les crevettes et les mangues. Cette séance a pour but de fournir des renseignements sur l'irradiation des aliments et d'expliquer les règlements qui régissent son utilisation. De plus, elle permettra à Santé Canada d'entendre les points de vue des Canadiens et des Canadiennes sur les modifications proposées.

Date: mercredi 15 janvier 2003

Lieu: Université de l'Alberta  
The Auditorium  
Telus Centre for Professional Development  
111 Street 67 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB

Heure: de 19 à 21 heures

Déroulement de la séance: Après les présentations, les membres du public pourront exprimer leurs points de vue. Ceux et celles qui voudront faire des présentations formelles (d'une durée de deux minutes) devront s'inscrire au préalable auprès de Santé Canada à:

Tél.: (780) 495-7437  
Fax: (780) 495-2624

Une période de questions et réponses suivra les présentations.

Santé Canada invite le public à écrire sur le sujet à l'adresse suivante:

Bureau de la Régulation sur les aliments  
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